

### **Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment**

The reply filed on 08/02/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant's response failed to expressly elect a species responsive to the Office action mailed 12/28/2006 and does not clearly identify the claims readable on that elected species, including any newly added claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. The Examiner notes that, for example, that instant claim 1 reads upon both of the species noted in the Office action mailed 12/28/2006. Further, it is noted that applicant states that new claims 25 and 26 have been presented but fails to identify whether or not these new claims are readable on the elected species. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAY R. RIPLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-7535. The examiner can normally be reached on 01:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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